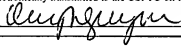


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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed May 26, 2009, in the above-identified United States Patent Application. Filed herewith is a request for a three-month extension of time in which to file this response. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.